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Subject : Re: MARS operators and coded messages (was Re: MARS)

In article <1roojaINN9gs@zephyr.ens.tek.com> Ron.C.Kirkpatrick@tek.com writes:  
>Ok, so they didn't tell you the frequency they were talking about. Does that  
>mean that anytime someone gets on the ham frequencies and says:

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> "Let's go to xyz repeater." or  
> "Let's go simplex." or  
> "I'll meet you on channel 16." (Marine or CB) or  
> "I'll meet you at the usual stop." (Time to eat.)  
> (Ok, so I'm getting a little far a field here. I'm just trying to make a  
> point.)  
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>They are talking in 'code'? NO WAY!

If these phrases are used to intentionally obscure any meaning of the

transmission, then they are talking "in code" and it is illegal. The only exception to the codes and ciphers rule is when the code or cipher is being used as part of a control link for remotely located radio gear.

How do you know that someone is intentionally obscuring the meaning of a transmission? Easy. You ask "Which simplex frequency is that?" or "What frequency is that repeater on?" or "Where is the usual stop".

If the person answers (truthfully), then there is no doubt he was not intentionally obscuring the meaning of the transmission. If the person refuses to answer, then it is likely he is intentionally obscuring the meaning of the transmission.

Now, would YOU please get a life? This is rec.radio.amateur.policy, and we will discuss policy issues here as desired. If you do not like discussing policy issues then please go somewhere else.

On an editorial note, using phrases to conceal meaning is exclusive and can make new amateurs feel unwelcome. I've heard this done many times in my 16 years of operation. I've always thought it is nerdy and a poor reflection on the other 95% of the hams that aren't anal retentive.

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\* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests \*

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